



The Ontario Argus

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THE PLEDGE.

I pledge my allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice to all.

CLEAN UP NOW—SAVE TROUBLE LATER.

The season for Ontario's annual clean up is due. Now is the time to strike a real blow to annual pest of flies that make life in Ontario far from comfortable during the months from July to October.

Ontario will always have flies so long as it provides places for their breeding. That is one of the main reasons for installing a new water system by which it will be possible to do away with the open irrigation ditches which no doubt contribute in a degree to the propagation of the pests.

But it still remains that the prolific source of these disease spreaders is the manure pile, the garbage pile and other accumulations of filth. For these there is no excuse whatever in a community of self-respecting citizens such as is Ontario.

The public must take action to stop the habit which a pernicious few create. There are manure piles almost in the heart of the city which are a disgrace not only to the residents whose cows and horses produce them, but the citizens who permit them thus to endanger the lives of the entire community.

How long will Ontario permit herself to be imposed upon by those who deliberately ignore the health regulations? Patience is no longer a virtue. Some action must be taken.

Last year when the secretary of the Board of Health, Dr. R. E. L. Holt, was here, he characterized the conditions in unmeasured terms. Will it be necessary for the city authorities again to call upon Doctor Holt and bring in state officials to enforce the sanitary conditions?

Ontario has a fight on with the Idaho Power company over the water supply and distributing system. It cannot afford to endanger its case by permitting unsanitary conditions to exist upon which the officials of the company can lay the blame for annual visitations of typhoid. It is a principle of law that, "he who seeks justice must come with clean hands," and that in the city's case means a clean city. The co-operation of every citizen and property owner is necessary to bring this about.

EXIT THE LOAFER.

What apology can any man make for a loafer these days? What difference is there in principle between the conscription of labor and the conscription of men for service in the army?

In view of the fact that the latter has become the accepted method among all nations for the recruiting of the necessary armies for the defense of the nation certainly the former becomes the logical course to pursue in meeting the labor scarcity that this nation will face within the next few months.

With an army of millions of men withdrawn from industry and from the productive fields of labor it is the duty of the government officials to see to it that no step is not taken which will provide them with food. No man who loafs should be permitted to eat the food or wear the clothing that might be worn by a soldier or by an ally of this government. Captain John Smith's order to the early Virginia colonists that "he who will not work shall not eat" ought to be adopted.

This is no new move in America. Maryland led the way last year with a state law embodying that principle. Louisiana and other states have followed suit. New York has such a measure before its legislature now. In all these states the law applies not only to the habitual pool room loafer but to the idle rich as well. Every man should work these days.

Loafing is a habit found in every community. It is a habit more than anything else. To work would be the salvation of thousands of inhabitants of Oregon, and in that number could be classified, no doubt, a goodly number of Ontarians.

The City Council at its meeting last Monday evening suggested a method of reducing inactivity for a few of the worst cases. The remedy of prohibiting card tables in the pool halls would only half solve the problem. It might make some of the habitués of idle palaces walk farther to see the game, but that is about all.

The consideration of this question at this time naturally gives rise to the question why is a pool room? Or at least why should there be pool rooms during the summer seasons so long as the war lasts?

Of course pool rooms should not be done away with entirely for all time. There are some men who can not amuse themselves any other way, and the principle still applies that, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." However, since to increase the capacity of the nation to produce that it may "can the Kaiser" there is no argument that can be presented that will justify the waste of man power evidenced by loafing places in every town and city of the land. The legislature, or if he has the power, the Governor, should provide the necessary machinery for adequately coping with this problem once.

GETTING AT IT.

The Harney County News has the following to say concerning the candidacy of Attorney P. J. Gallagher, who, without apparent opposition, aspires to represent Harney and Malheur counties in the next legislature.

"This week Burns has visited in its midst the candidate for representative of Harney and Malheur counties, P. J. Gallagher. This gentleman is a wideawake and popular attorney of Ontario. But different from the usual run of men of his profession Mr. Gallagher is an advocate of fewer but better laws. He has one or two practical laws that are successfully operated in other states that he would like to see used in Oregon, but outside of these his program consists of revisions and repeals of laws.

"The repealing should be done along the line of the mere artificial laws, and the revisions should be made to simplify practical and logical justice in administering the fundamental laws, without technical justice in its stead. The News predicts that Mr. Gallagher will ably represent his counties as well as legislate in a healthy and beneficial way or the honor and dignity of the state of Oregon."

PERSHING'S OFFER.

"All that we have we offer freely." That was the simple but eloquent statement General Pershing made to France when he placed his army under the charge of General Foch, Generalissimo of the allied troops.

That statement of America's warrior is a challenge to every American. Will we make good his word? Will we give our all? Or will it be our mite?

There is no question but that we will give the men when we have the ships to carry them. We will give the supplies then, too. But will we provide the funds cheerfully to pay the enormous cost? That is the question that confronts America this month. Will Malheur county do its share? The answer will be forthcoming in the Liberty Loan drive. Remember this: Two Liberty Loans have been raised in the past year and in neither of these did Malheur county make good Pershing's offer. Think of that when the first loan solicitor greets you. Give your all. And give it freely.

THE BUCKAROOS ARE COMING.

Ontario is to enjoy the biggest month of its life during April. The men, representatives of the industry that means a great deal to the life and prosperity are coming for business, as well as for pleasure and should be accorded the welcome that is their due.

The cattle and horse men represent the pioneer industry in this section. To them, in a measure, is due the development of Eastern Oregon. By reason of their activity they create a market for the rancher whom membership will not be forfeited

grows hay and other forage crops. The supplying of their needs brought about the location of the trading points which have since become thriving cities. They are the "salt of the earth," and Ontario is proud of the opportunity of playing host, along with the cattlemen of Malheur county, for this big and growing organization.

A white band is proposed for the army officers who enlisted for epaulets and a chance to dictate letters to a blond stenographer and play the society game in Washington. Good idea, eh what?

Uncle Joe Cannon declares that the "slicker" officers in Washington wear spurs to keep them from falling on the decks. That is some discovery for a man who is 82 years old. You can't fool the boy, at that.

Now that we have a real fight on our hands here in Ontario it will be hard to rouse an interest in the fall election.

RIGHTS OF FIGHTERS TO BE SAFEGUARDED

Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Act Protects Men in Government Forces Summary of Law.

Portland, Oregon, April 5.—Soldiers, sailors and marines are not to be hit from behind while they are fighting their country's battles, because of inability to give personal attention to their business affairs or property rights. Uncle Sam will see to it that their rights are protected.

Congress has recently passed, and President Wilson has signed, a Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Act, which aims to give men in the service full legal and financial protection.

The War Department has prepared a brief summary of the provisions of this act, with the request that it be given wide publicity so that men in the service, their relatives and the public generally may know what protection has been granted and how to obtain it.

The War Department's official summary is as follows:

"A soldier or sailor may not have money on a note or he may have bought or leased land or tools or furniture in which an installment is yet due. Or he may have mortgaged his home and be unable to foreclose to start a non-payment. Or he may have started a homestead or mining claim and be unable to continue the necessary occupation in the required period of time. Or he may have carried life insurance for several years and now be unable to keep up the premium payments. Or he may have a money claim against some one and during his absence the lapse of time may raise a legal bar against suing for it when he returns. Or he may be sued on some claim in his absence and may be unable to defend the suit effectively while absent.

"In these and other ways he may suffer undue hardship. The object of this Act is to give relief from such hardship.

"The provisions of the Act are too numerous to set forth accurately here. Enough to point out that its main principle is as follows:

"(1) Let some one, on behalf of the soldier or sailor, notify the court that the party concerned is a soldier or sailor. Then the court will make prompt inquiries into the merits of the case; if the case merits it, the court has power to stay the other party from further proceedings, or to give other remedy that may be appropriate. The court may also appoint an attorney to represent the soldier or sailor in the lawsuit.

"(2) If a lawsuit has been begun already in some court against the soldier or sailor, go to that same court and give the notice above mentioned. If no lawsuit has yet been begun, but some landlord or other person is preparing to sell out or to take possession of property in which the soldier or sailor is interested, go to the court in whose jurisdiction the property is, notify the court as above, and ask the court to summon the other party. All such persons are forbidden by law to take property in that way without first applying to the court for an order; but some person may attempt to take possession without doing so in ignorance of the new law.

"(3) If the soldier or sailor had an insurance policy or a fraternal benefit membership, before September 1, 1917, and fears that he may not be able to keep up his payments, he should write to the War Risk Insurance Bureau at Washington and ask for a form of application (or ask his post adjutant at the camp). The Government, on certain conditions, will guarantee the payment of the premiums, so that the policy or membership will not be forfeited

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When I was in Portland during the month of January, everything was like spring. The grass was green and the trees were in bloom. Everybody was either planting a garden or had already planted one.

There were buildings from ten to fourteen stories high. The streets were crowded. There were so many street cars and automobiles that a person had to keep his eyes open or he would get run over.

There were many parks with all sorts of things with which the children could have a good time. The most interesting park, however, was where they kept the zoo. Here were all the curious as well as huge and vicious animals of the forest, that the people of Portland would not otherwise see if they were not kept in the zoo.

Another interesting place is the city hall. In this there are the various types of birds and animals. Of course they are not alive, but are stuffed.

It is a rainy country. It does not rain hard, generally, but it does it often enough to make up.

It snowed twice while I was there. The snow stayed on for three days each time. The wind blew, and the weather was very cold indeed.

There are many kinds of boats on the river making Portland a very busy commercial center.

There was man in the doctor's office that was nearly blind. He saw a window and that he would spit. Presently his wife came in and ask him where he was spitting. He said

during the soldier's or sailor's absence; he will then have a year after his return in which to pay up and save his policy or membership. This relief does not apply to all policies or memberships, and details cannot be given here; but on filling out the application and sending it to the War Risk Insurance Bureau it will be duly taken care of. If it is the kind of insurance that is retorted by this Act.

"(4) Copies of this act are being sent to about 20,000 lawyers, to all superior courts, and to all Local Boards; and the Boards have been asked to hand a copy to the nearest magistrate. Thus the courts ought to be already well informed as to its provisions."

METHODIST CHURCH.

10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching, subject, "The camouflage in Religion." The first of a series on Christian life.
8:00 p. m.—Union services at our church in interest of the third Liberty Loan. Good music by the united choirs of the churches. Hon W. W. Wood will give the address. The public is urged to attend.

EARL HANNA, Pastor.

FIRST PENTACOSTAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

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REV. S. L. POWERS, D. D., Pastor.
Services.
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Preaching—11 a. m.
Peoples Meeting—8 p. m.
Preaching—8:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p. m.
Everyone welcome to these services.

Dreamland Attractions

ONTARIO, OREGON

Sunday, April 7th
SQUARE DECEIVER
HAROLD LOCKWOOD
Pathe News

Monday, April 8th
DESIRE OF THE MOTH
RUTH CLIFFORD
OUR NATIONAL ARMY
Government Picture

Tuesday, April 9th
BRANDED SOUL
GLADYS BLACKWELL
MUTT AND JEFF. HA! HA! HA!

Wednesday, April 10th
AT FIRST SIGHT
MAE MURRAY
Burton Holmes Travels

Thursday, April 11th
PANTS
LITTLE MARY M'ALLISTER
Pathe News

Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13
THE NARROW TRAIL
WM. S. HART
Pictograph.

"Out of the window". But when his wife investigated she found that the window was closed.

RALPH EMERSON.

Two boys of the 7th grade, Paul Peterson and Dick Adams, raked yards Saturday for the Junior Red Cross. This money, with that already raised by the girls on their Treasure and Trinket drive, will be sufficient to finish the "Layettes," on which the 6th and 7th grade girls are working.

Miss Bigg's room won the flag which was offered by the W. C. T. U.

Milo Wright and Earl Secoy are now eligible to the "Second Rainbow Regiment," each boy has sold \$50.00 worth of thrift stamps.

Last Saturday the girls basket ball team played Weiser and beat them 21 to 17. Mr. Boucher, Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson went with them to Weiser.

The teachers and pupils of the high school have bought approximately \$1000 worth of War Saving Stamps.

The pies were all good but made Col. Boucher sick.

Miss Purcell's room had and Easter party the Friday before Easter. The

children all went out doors for about fifteen minutes, while Miss Purcell put nests on their desks with eggs in them rabbits standing beside them. The children were then blind folded and they marched in and found their own seats. The blind folds were then taken off and a surprising sight met their eyes.

Miss Boydell's room built bird houses and had their pictures taken last week.

LEONARD FOXIE
PRIMARY PUPILS EASTER PARTY.

Miss Luella Cailin had her pupils take a walk. While they were gone, she made a nest on every desk and put candy Easter eggs of all colors in each of them. When they got back they found a nest full of eggs on their desks.

KESTER SEWARD

SLACKERS???!!
Never in the history of our nation has the need of food been so great. We have been asked to raise war gardens and conserve all the food we can. Many people of Ontario are raising War Gardens and it is pretty disgusting to look out of your window and see a flock of chickens in your garden destroying the food the nation needs so badly.

Chickens are all right in their place, on a farm or in a pen, but not in your neighbor's garden. What is a person that will let his chickens destroy the nation's food?

MILO WRIGHT.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

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